

Table 25. Percent of elementary and secondary school children whose parents were involved in school activities, by selected child, parent, and school characteristics: 1996 and 1999

Characteristics of children, parents, and schools	Percent of children in 1996 whose parents ¹ reported that they—				Distribution of children, by parental reports of number of times spent helping with homework per week, 1996 ²				Percent of children in 1999 whose parents ¹ reported that they—			
	At- tended a gen- eral school meet- ing	At- tended parent- teacher con- ference	At- tended a class event	Volun- teered at school	Less than once per week	1 or 2 times per week	3 or 4 times per week	5 or more times per week	Attended a general school meeting	Attended parent- teacher conference	Attended class event	Volunteered at school
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total	76.9	71.8	66.7	38.7	26.7	35.1	25.8	12.3	78.3 (0.4)	72.8 (0.4)	65.4 (0.5)	36.8 (0.4)
Sex of child												
Male	76.3	73.1	65.1	38.1	27.4	33.5	26.2	12.9	78.0 (0.6)	74.0 (0.6)	63.4 (0.6)	36.7 (0.6)
Female	77.5	70.4	68.4	39.4	25.9	36.9	25.4	11.8	78.6 (0.6)	71.5 (0.6)	67.4 (0.6)	37.0 (0.6)
Race/ethnicity of child												
White, non-Hispanic	79.0	72.6	71.6	44.1	28.2	37.0	24.8	10.1	80.5 (0.5)	73.6 (0.5)	71.6 (0.5)	42.7 (0.6)
Black, non-Hispanic	71.6	68.8	56.4	26.8	21.9	30.0	28.6	19.5	74.5 (1.1)	71.1 (1.2)	53.8 (1.3)	26.2 (1.1)
Hispanic	73.6	71.5	54.8	26.3	25.4	31.1	27.9	15.6	73.1 (1.0)	71.0 (1.0)	51.5 (1.1)	24.5 (0.9)
Other non-Hispanic	73.3	71.6	64.0	35.3	24.3	37.5	26.1	12.0	76.7 (1.8)	73.2 (1.9)	62.4 (2.0)	30.7 (1.8)
Highest education level of parents												
Less than high school	57.6	62.8	42.4	16.9	28.7	30.0	24.5	16.7	57.4 (1.7)	60.0 (1.7)	37.8 (1.6)	12.9 (1.1)
High school graduate	71.5	69.2	60.2	30.1	26.4	34.2	25.7	13.6	72.7 (0.8)	69.7 (0.9)	58.7 (0.9)	26.0 (0.8)
Some postsecondary	77.8	72.5	69.2	39.2	26.4	35.8	26.1	11.6	79.1 (0.7)	73.7 (0.7)	66.8 (0.8)	37.5 (0.8)
College graduate	87.4	77.4	76.3	52.2	25.4	38.8	25.3	10.5	87.3 (0.8)	80.3 (0.9)	75.6 (1.0)	49.7 (1.1)
Graduate/professional	88.5	76.3	81.9	56.7	27.9	35.1	26.8	10.2	88.8 (0.7)	75.9 (1.0)	78.9 (0.9)	54.3 (1.1)
Family income												
Less than \$5,000	66.8	69.3	50.4	24.3	23.7	28.3	27.7	20.4	67.0 (2.6)	66.7 (2.6)	47.4 (2.9)	17.6 (2.0)
\$5,001 to \$10,000	64.2	68.3	49.8	22.5	26.7	32.1	27.6	13.7	66.8 (2.0)	67.6 (2.0)	50.7 (2.1)	23.3 (1.8)
\$10,001 to 15,000	66.7	67.5	61.1	28.0	26.8	36.0	22.7	14.6	67.1 (1.8)	70.0 (1.7)	49.9 (1.9)	20.4 (1.5)
\$15,001 to 20,000	69.7	68.8	56.6	25.8	27.7	33.3	23.4	15.6	71.1 (1.7)	70.4 (1.7)	55.1 (1.9)	25.3 (1.7)
\$20,001 to 25,000	69.3	69.4	59.5	27.6	25.9	34.9	26.5	12.7	70.6 (1.6)	67.0 (1.7)	53.4 (1.7)	26.2 (1.5)
\$25,001 to 30,000	72.6	69.9	62.6	32.5	28.1	34.8	27.3	9.8	74.3 (1.5)	71.6 (1.5)	59.1 (1.7)	30.9 (1.6)
\$30,001 to 35,000	79.3	71.4	69.4	40.9	27.9	35.6	24.8	11.6	79.0 (1.4)	73.8 (1.5)	67.6 (1.6)	37.9 (1.7)
\$35,001 to 40,000	78.9	74.3	69.8	40.6	24.9	37.3	27.0	10.7	79.4 (1.3)	73.7 (1.4)	68.4 (1.5)	36.1 (1.6)
\$40,001 to 50,000	81.6	75.5	73.3	44.7	27.1	35.3	25.3	12.4	81.6 (1.0)	75.1 (1.1)	72.8 (1.2)	40.1 (1.3)
\$50,001 to 75,000	85.1	74.0	75.8	48.9	25.9	37.0	26.3	10.8	84.6 (0.8)	74.8 (0.9)	72.6 (0.9)	43.8 (1.0)
Over \$75,000	88.8	74.5	79.5	57.6	28.3	36.6	25.1	9.9	88.5 (0.7)	77.3 (0.8)	79.3 (0.8)	54.9 (1.0)
Child attending public schools	75.3	70.6	64.8	35.4	26.6	35.9	25.4	12.1	76.8 (0.4)	71.4 (0.5)	63.5 (0.5)	33.8 (0.5)
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8)	80.1	79.8	67.7	39.3	15.5	35.1	33.1	16.2	81.7 (0.5)	80.8 (0.5)	66.7 (0.6)	38.0 (0.6)
Secondary (grades 9 to 12)	63.3	47.6	57.7	25.6	52.0	37.7	7.8	2.5	65.7 (0.9)	50.0 (0.9)	56.2 (0.9)	24.1 (0.8)
Child attending private schools	90.2	82.3	82.8	66.4	27.2	28.7	29.2	14.9	91.4 (0.8)	85.0 (0.9)	81.7 (1.0)	63.8 (1.3)
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8)	92.2	87.8	86.1	70.8	14.5	28.5	37.0	19.9	93.0 (0.8)	90.2 (0.8)	84.1 (1.1)	68.8 (1.4)
Secondary (grades 9 to 12)	85.0	67.4	73.7	54.4	57.4	29.0	10.8	2.8	85.8 (2.1)	66.7 (2.8)	73.3 (2.5)	46.3 (3.0)

¹ The respondent was the parent most knowledgeable about the child's education. The responding parent reported on their own and their spouse's, or other household adults' activities.

² Includes children enrolled in grades 1 through 12.

NOTE: Except where noted, includes children enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12. Excludes home-schooled children. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, The Parent Survey of the National Household Educational Surveys Program. (PFI/CI: 1996) and (Parent: 1999), unpublished tabulations. (This table was prepared May 2003.)